



Executive Department
State of Idaho

The Office of the Governor
Proclamation

State Capitol
Boise

WHEREAS, unintentional injuries are a substantial and preventable public health problem and account for approximately 6% of deaths in the United States; and

WHEREAS, over thirty million persons seek medical attention in emergency departments each year for treatment of unintentional injury trauma, accounting for over one in four emergency department visits; and

WHEREAS, more than 5 million unintentional injuries and illnesses are reported in private industry workplaces in the United States each year, effecting 6 of every 100 full-time workers; and

WHEREAS, unintentional injury is the leading cause of death among Idahoans between the age of one year and 35 years; and

WHEREAS, nearly 800 Idahoans die each year as the result of injury accidents; and

WHEREAS, unintentional injuries have enormous financial, emotional and social effects on affected individuals and their families as well as communities and society as a whole;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, DIRK KEMPTHORNE, Governor of the State of Idaho, do hereby proclaim June 2003, to be

SAFETY AND HEALTH MONTH

in Idaho, I urge participation by all local governments, organizations and citizens in increasing the understanding of the benefits of promoting safety and health at home, in business, and in Idaho communities; to raise the awareness of the role and contribution of safety and health professionals; and to reduce workplace injuries and illness by encouraging new safety and health business activities.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Idaho at the Capitol in Boise on this twenty-first day of May in the year of our Lord two-thousand and three and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred twenty-seventh and of the Statehood of Idaho the one hundred thirteenth.

A handwritten signature of Dirk Kempthorne in black ink, written over a horizontal line.

DIRK KEMPTHORNE
GOVERNOR

A handwritten signature of Ben Isukua in black ink, written over a horizontal line.

BEN ISUKUA
SECRETARY OF STATE